ORDERS

For regulating the MEETINGS of

COUNCIL.

FIrſt, whenſoever the Oath as Councellor is adminiſtrate to any of them, the Lord Chancellor is in like ſort to urge of them the *Oath* of *Supremacy*; and ſuch as ſhall either refuſe or delay the giving of it, to be excluded from that place. And he is to diſcharge all others of whatſoever rank, except the ſworn Councellors and the Clerk of Council only, from ſtaying within the Council-houſe the time of their Conſultation. And the Macer of the Council at all ſuch times, when the Party ſhall be removed, is to uſh the houſe, ſuffering none other of other quality to ſtay within the ſame, except as is aforeſaid; and he is to cloſe the door and ſtay without the ſame till he be called upon.

At all times when they conveen, ſo ſoon as there ſhall be a full number of them, the Chancellor, if he be preſent, or in his abſence, any ſuch other Councellor who is to ſupply his place, ſhall cauſe the Houſe to be preſently uſhed; and deſire the Lords conveened preſently to take their Seats, and ſuffer none to abide or ſtay either ſoliciting, importuning, or conferring with any Councellor, but that all other affairs, except ſuch for which they are then conveened, may be referred to other places, times and occaſions.

All Councellors, after they are admitted, ſhall, during their ſtay in the Council-houſe, ſit in decent order according to their places and ranks, and none of them ſhall ſtand on their feet after that the Council is once ſet, untill ſuch time as they ſhall ariſe, except any ſuch Councellor who is to anſwer for himſelf in any cauſe, and then he is not to ſtand in the place wherein he formerly ſat, but at the head of the Council Table.

During the time of the Lords ſitting, no man whatſoever is to ſtand covered in their preſence, but is to regard them with uncovered heads, as the Repreſentative of His *Majeſties* Preſence and Authority.

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